

Our Lady's Catholic High School

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Headteacher: Mr R Charnock

Being One of Ours

Dear Parent/Carer,

As previously explained this year we are unable to facilitate the expedition aspect of the Duke of Edinburgh Award however we would be able to register and administer the other aspects of the Award.

If you would like your child to complete the Award please pay £30 via Scopay by the 24th March which would include their registration for the Award and pizza party. We would support pupils through the skill, volunteering and physical sections.

Students would need to find an activity provider offering Open Silver Awards and complete the expedition section directly with them. Please be aware that school will have no involvement in this and so payment and medical questions need to go directly to that company. There are a number of companies that offer Open Silver Awards and students have until they are 25 to complete this section though we recommend starting earlier than later.

You are free to find your own open expedition provider who will run a course at a cost and date which are suitable to yourselves. Adventure Expeditions are a very well-respected company and have been in touch and said they could offer an open expedition for our students. The cost of this would be £395 (though they have a bursary which students can access if they meet set criteria). Further information and contact details for their Open Expedition can be found at:

<https://adventure-expeditions.net/course-475/open-silver-sept-2023>

Mr Charnock has agreed that students can be absent from school to complete the Open Silver Award on the date specified on the website above.

If you have any questions about the registration or physical, skills or volunteering section please do not hesitate to contact me. If you have any questions about the expedition, please contact the expedition company directly.

As a school we may be able to offer financial support for the registration fee but if you need financial support for the expedition section, please contact Adventure Expeditions and request information about their bursaries.

Kind Regards,

Mrs C McNeela.

Assistant Headteacher



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